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DURING SUBJECT DISCUSSIONS, U.S. ASKED WHETHER SIX-MONTHLY ALLO-
CATION OF ANNUAL IMPORT QUOTA ALLOWED FOR CARRY-OVER. AUSTRALIAN
MISSION HAS SUPPLIED FOLLOWING WRITTEN RESPONSE:

"WE HAVE CONTACTED OUR DEPARTMENT OF POLICE AND CUSTOMS, THE
ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY FOR QUOTA ARRANGEMENTS, AND HAVE BEEN AD-
VISED THAT THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY ALLOW AN IMPORT-
ER TO CARRY AN UNUSED QUOTA ENTITLEMENT INTO THE NEXT PERIOD, BUT
THAT IT IS USUAL TO ALLOW ABOUT A ONE-MONTH GRADE PERIOD.

"HOWEVER, A LONGER CARRY-OVER PERIOD MAY BE ALLOWED ON A CASE
BY CASE BASIS WHERE IMPORTERS ARE ABLE TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE
GROUNDS SUCH AS PRODUCTION DELAYS, DELIVERY DELAYS OR THAT THE
SIZE OF THE QUOTA IS SUCH AS TO MAKE IT UNECONOMIC TO PLACE ORD-

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ERS TWICE A YEAR.

"I TRUST THE ABOVE INFORMATION WILL BE HELPFUL TO YOU. IT
WOULD DEEM THAT IF THERE IS A GENUINE CASE FOR A CARRY-OVER, THEN
THE PROCEDURES ARE THERE IN AUSTRALIA FOR IT TO BE GIVEN CONSID-
ERATION. HOWEVER, YOU WILL NOTE THAT THE CASE NEEDS TO BE MADE
BY THE IMPORTER CONCERNED."DALE

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